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**Jessica E. Paxton**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in applying for a teaching position at your school. I graduated from Tennessee Technological University (TTU) on May 11th, 2013 and I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Elementary Education. Additionally, I hold a valid Tennessee teaching license and am Highly Qualified in grades K-6.

Throughout my tenure as a pre-service teacher, I have been challenged to work closely with my peers in a co-hort setting. In doing so, I have learned the importance of collaboration and cooperation as well as the need to assert independence. I am well-versed in the Common Core State Standards, have been trained and evaluated with the TAP assessment module, and explored the use of constructive responses in teaching. Beyond this, I value cross-curricular and technology integration, strive to engage learners in instruction, maintain strong relationships with parents, and know the significance of continuing my own professional development. Please feel free to view some of my work on my web portfolio at <http://jessicaforgety.wikispaces.com/>

Please note that my last name changed due to marriage, shortly after graduating from TTU. My maiden name is Forgety, so many of the documents on my portfolio have this name, and many of my references know me by my maiden name.

It is my goal to grow my range of experience with my ability to be a compassionate, enthusiastic, and an intelligent teacher who will make a positive contribution to your school district.

Sincerely,

Jessica Paxton